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January 22, 2004

Applicants: Yuji AKIMOTO et al

For: SINGLE-CRYSTAL FERRITE FINE POWDER

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2003,  
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

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